

Falls Church Tops Warriors

Falls Church put a crimp in the hopes of the Wakefield basketball squad of completing their season victoriously, as they trimmed the Warriors 52-38 last night on the losers court.

Trailing throughout the contest, the Southside squad failed to produce until the final eight minutes when they were hopelessly behind, 35-19, as they poured in as many points as they had scored in the first three periods. It marked the ninth loss for the Warriors against seven victories, while Falls Church posted win number six against eight defeats.

Bob Blake was the high point man for the victors, hitting from

outside on seven attempts and adding four foul shots for a total of 18, while "old reliable" Don Richards held up the Green and White tally with a like total on five buckets and eight free tosses. Two other Jaguars hit the double figures, as six foot one Frank Giambattista rang up 12 and Tiny (6-4) Cline totaled 10.

Starting slowly, neither club managed to cut the cords until one minute and fifty seconds ticked off the clock, whereby John Gibson made good on a foul attempt and seconds later Don Richards pumped in a set shot for a short lived Warrior lead of 3-0.

Frank Giambattista connected on two attempts from the foul line to mark the initial scoring by the visitors, and was followed in turn by Bob Blake who put his team in the lead with a pair of set shots and two freebies. When time ran out in the first period, Falls Church held an 8-4 lead, which they increased at halftime, 20-11. Wakefield managed but one field goal in the second period, that coming with only five seconds remaining on a set shot by Ray Regan. Of the 11 total points by the Warriors during the first half, seven were from the foul line as to but six of the Jaguars 20 points.

With Blake and Giambattista continuing their torrid pace, the Falls Church hoopsters upped their advantage to 35-19 in three periods, and coach Arthur Valotto cleared the bench in the wild high scoring fourth stanza. Six of the Jaguars figured in their team's final spree of 17 points, but none outdid the splurge of Don Richards who personally accounted for 11 of Wakefield's 19 tallies in the final eight minutes.

Defeat did not come from a failure under the boards, as the Warriors grabbed 36 rebounds as against 37 by their opponents, but the weakness clearly showed in the shooting department, where the local lads made good only on nine of 45 attempts or 20 per cent while the victors hit for 19 field goals in an even 50 shots for a more formidable 38 per cent.

Despite the ragged first half play of his team, Wakefield coach "Robbie" Robinson was not too dismayed, as he feels the boys can work smoothly together as they have shown in the past. He attributed a tight "man to man" defense by the Jaguars as unsteady his club during the first half, as they time and again lost the ball on poor passing and hurried shots.

Wakefield travels to Richard Montgomery tonight in hopes of embarking on a new win streak which will carry them through the season. Gametime is 8:00 p.m., and will be preceded by a JV tilt.

	Wakefield	R	F	P	T		Falls Church	R	F	P	T
Richards	5	8	1	18	18		Blake	1	6	1	18
Kugler	2	1	2	5	5		Husker	2	2	1	5
Baldwin	9	0	0	0	0		Stambaum	4	4	1	12
Varden	1	2	0	4	4		Sullivan	0	1	1	1
Regan	1	2	3	4	4		Butcher	0	0	0	0
Head	0	0	0	0	0		Mullens	0	0	0	0
Wilson	0	0	0	0	0		How	0	0	0	0
Mayo	0	1	0	2	2		Meeters	0	0	0	0
Baldwin	0	1	4	1	1		Fynor	0	0	0	0
Myers	0	2	0	2	2		Hine	0	0	0	0
Gibson	0	1	1	1	1		Walker	0	0	0	0
							Head	0	0	0	0
							Rustad	0	0	0	0
Totals	—	9	20	15	38		Totals	19	14	19	52
	4	1	8	19	38			8	32	35	82

SOME OTHER TIME, BALDWIN—Wakefield's Don Baldwin attempts a shot from deep under the basket but misses the hoop in last night's battle with Falls Church. In the background is Wakefield's Ray Regan (22). Falls Church won the game 52-38.

(Photo by Steve Moore)

